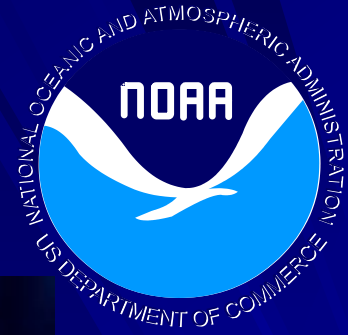


First Presidential Debate Support September 26, 2008



University of Mississippi, Oxford - Courtesy Obama For America

NWS WFO Memphis, TN

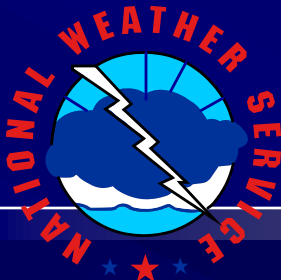
Lafayette County MS Emergency Management



WFO Memphis All Hazards Program

- On and Off Site Decision Support Capabilities
- ICS Training For Staff (100, 200, 300, 400, 700, 800)
- Cadre of Emergency Response Meteorologists For On Site Decision Support
 - Two General Forecasters, WCM and MIC
 - WCM is a Certified IMET
- Equipment For On Site Decision Support
 - Portable Weather Observing Station (Davis Vantage Pro 2)
 - Portable Laptop With FX-Net AWIPS Emulator Software
 - Portable Printer
 - Wireless Phone Card





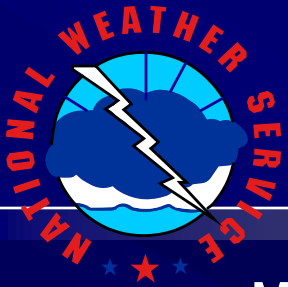
Recent Events and Exercises

- **Memphis Area Brooks Ave Chemical Fire (August 2006)**
 - On Site Support

- **Spill of National Significance Exercise (June 2007)**
 - HAZMAT Spill in MS River Due to Major Earthquake
 - Concurrent TN State Earthquake Exercise
 - Three WFO Memphis Forecasters Deployed to Local, State and Federal EOCs

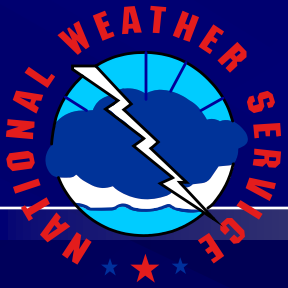
- **Walnut Ridge, AR Propane Pipeline Release (November 2007)**
 - Off Site Support and HYSPLIT Model Run

- **Desoto County, MS HAZMAT Exercise (July 2008)**
 - Day One On Site Support For MS National Guard Civil Support Team
 - Day Two On Site Support For County ICS Team



On Site Debate Support Planning

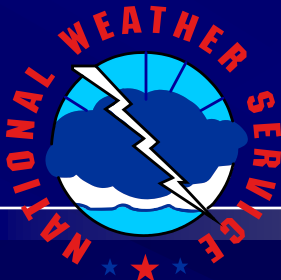
- Mississippi Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) Requests NWS On Site Support Through WFO Jackson (State Liaison Office)
 - Forwarded to WFO Memphis - 8/20/08
- WFO Memphis Begins Coordination With LaFayette County Emergency Management
 - Dates and Times For On Site Support
 - Site Specific Forecasts To Begin Two Days Prior to the Debate
- Equipment Preparation
 - New IMET Compatible Laptop Provided By Southern Region
 - WCM Recieves New Blackberry PDA
 - Purchase Portable Printer
- Equipment Practice
 - Set Up in WCM Office Using Office Wireless Network



Ole Miss Prepares For The Debate

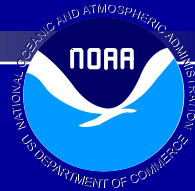


Ole Miss – September 21, 2008 – Courtesy CNN



Debate Deployment - 9/25/08

- Arrive at State Mobile EOC in Oxford Around 1200
 - State Emergency Response Team (SERT) Staffing EOC
 - County Emergency Manager Acting as Liaison Between Mobile EOC and Debate Site Operations
 - ICS In Use By SERT Team
 - Set Up in Work Area Next To Plans Chief
- Uncertainty As To Whether Both Candidates Will Show Due to Economic Crisis
 - Debate Commission and MEMA Continue to Operate As Planned
- Produce Site Specific Forecast For 9/26 Daily Incident Action Plan (IAP)
- Depart State Mobile EOC Around 2000 and Switch Debate Support to Off Site (No Hotel Rooms in Oxford)





On Site Support Set Up



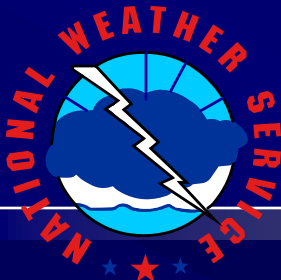
WCM Rich Okulski at State Mobile EOC



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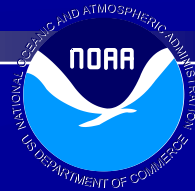


MEMA State Mobile Emergency Operations Center



Debate Deployment - 9/26/08

- Arrive at State Mobile EOC in Oxford Around 0900
- Uncertainty Continues As To Whether Both Candidates Will Show Due to Economic Crisis
 - Candidates Depart Washington DC Around Midday And Arrive in Oxford in the Early Afternoon
- Update Site Specific Forecast For 9/26 Daily Incident Action Plan (IAP)
 - Weather Forecast - Mostly Clear With Light Winds
- Provide Oxford Fire Department With Hourly Weather Observations For Potential HAZMAT Issues
- Depart State Mobile EOC Around 2200

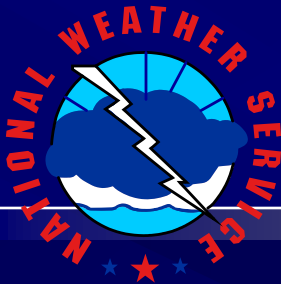




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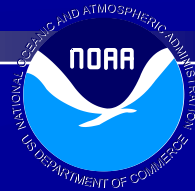


MEMA State SERT Team Operations Chief



On Site Support Best Practices

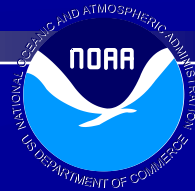
- Recent Exercises and Events Maintained Proficiency
 - Practice The Same Way You Play
 - Local Training Program (ICS Courses)
 - Decision Support Local Guidelines in SDM
- Wise Use of Local Funds For Program Support
 - Portable Weather Observing Station
 - Portable Printer
 - Wireless Phone Card (Post Event)
- Core Group of Emergency Response Meteorologists
 - Best Trained In Terms of ICS Courses
 - Stand Up Briefing Skills
 - Adapt able to Changeable Working Conditions





On Site Support Lessons Learned

- **Include Wireless Phone Card in On Site Support Equipment**
 - EOC Wireless Network Inoperable At Times During Debate Support
 - Some Future Events May Not Have On Site Wireless Networks
- **Bookmark Weather Internet Links On Portable Laptop**
 - Laptop Arrived Two Weeks Prior To Dispatch
 - Time Saver During Operations
- **Portable Weather Station Set Up**
 - Need to Practice Set Up and Break Down Quarterly To Maintain Proficiency
 - Station is Stored in a Former MICROREMS Travel Container With Foam Cut Outs





Questions?

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